

Korean War Memorial Committee of Central Massachusetts

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Dear Congressman Markey:

As I discussed with David Moulton on Friday, below is a short list of some of the Veterans organizations that the Korean War Memorial Committee has contacted and that are supporting the Crosby-Puller Combat Wounds Compensation Act (H.R. 5296).

As I mentioned to you, <u>I believe this bill is important for several reasons including, ultimately, that it could help with retention of current servicemen and women and it may help in recruiting new soldiers by sending a strong message that our country is *absolutely committed* to taking care of them if they are wounded.</u>

We look forward to continuing to work with you to build bipartisan support for this very important bill. As we contact veterans' organizations around the country to garner support for the bill, we will keep you posted as they sign on.

Currently supporting the Crosby-Puller Act:

Korean War Memorial Committee of Central Massachusetts (Chairman Francis Carroll, USN, 1-800-343-0939x110)

(National) Korea Veterans of America (National Commander Jeff Brodeur)

Military Order of the Purple Heart -Region I (National Vice Commander Region I Joseph Genduso)

Massachusetts Veterans, Inc. (President Vincent Perrone, USAF, Ret.)

Vernon Hill American Legion Post #435- MA (Past Commander, Steve Corey, USMC)

Armed Forces Committee of Worcester County (President Francis Carroll, USN)

Marine Corps League, Worcester Detachment (Commandant Robert Steadman, USMC)

Marine Corps Tun Tavern Society of Central Massachusetts (Chairman Steve Godin, USMC)

I look forward to seeing you again soon in Washington. If you have any questions or need additional information on our efforts on HR 5296 or other programs we are working on, please call me Toll-Free at 1-800-343-0939, extension 110, or contact Jeffrey Busha on my staff at x119.

Sincerely,

Francis Carroll, USN Chairman